



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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John Wicker, Director

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
PROPOSED CASTAIC AREA MULTI-USE TRAILS PLAN PROJECT**

PROJECT TITLE: Castaic Area Multi-Use Trails Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The Castaic Project Area encompasses approximately 75 square miles in the unincorporated Castaic area of the Santa Clarita Valley in the northwestern portion of the County of Los Angeles. The Castaic Project Area is composed of generally mountainous and valley terrain that abuts the Angeles National Forest to the north, the City of Santa Clarita to the southeast, California State Route 126 to the south, and Ventura County to the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes approximately 100 miles of proposed multi-use (hiking, mountain biking, equestrian) trails and related staging areas, bike skills parks, parking areas, and other supporting trail facilities in the Castaic Area of the Santa Clarita Valley Planning Area. The proposed trails would provide connections to the Angeles National Forest, trails in the City of Santa Clarita, and trails in the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The trails would be multi-use and range from 3 to 12 feet wide based on site conditions, with adequate space for combined pedestrian, equestrian, and mountain biking use, in accordance with the County of Los Angeles Trails Manual guidelines (County Trails Manual). The proposed project would develop a complete multi-use trail system connecting user groups and local populations to desired recreation destinations and experiences, with unified transition to the trails of adjacent jurisdictions, compatibility with adjacent land uses and environmental resources, and incorporate a sustainable design consistent with the County Trails Manual. The plan would recommend conditions for improvement of unmet local recreation demands in the County's Fifth Supervisorial District.

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, this notice is to inform public agencies, County residents, and the general public that the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, as the lead agency, has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed project described above. The IS/MND examines potential impacts of the proposed project on the environment. The IS/MND will be available for public review beginning May 13, 2016, at the following locations:

- County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, 510 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90020. *Office hours are Mon.–Thurs. 7:00 am–5:30 pm. Please contact Julie Yom, Park Planner, at (213) 351-5127 to set up an appointment.*
- Castaic Library, 27971 Sloan Canyon Road, Castaic, CA 91384. *Open Mon.–Tues. 10:00 am–8:00 pm, Wed.–Thurs. 12:00–6:00 pm, Fri. 12:00–5:00 pm, and Sat. 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Closed Sunday.*
- Online at: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation website: <http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Newsroom/EnvironmentalDocuments/>

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Friday, May 13, 2016, to Monday, June 13, 2016. All comments must be postmarked or emailed no later than June 13, 2016.

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WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS: Written comments will be accepted via email or at the following street address:

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Julie Yom, Park Planner
510 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90020
Email: jyom@parks.lacounty.gov

COMMUNITY MEETING: On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, the County will host a community meeting to review the project and solicit information in relation to the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for this project. The meeting will be held from 6:00–8:00 pm at the Castaic Middle School, Multi-Purpose Room, 28900 Hillcrest Pkwy, Castaic, California 91384. Please direct any questions regarding this meeting to Olga Ruano at (213) 351-5141 or oruano@parks.lacounty.gov.